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Citizens for the Bettering of Montana

I represent citizens of Montana who want to protect firearm manufacturers from unfair and frivolous taxes, restrictive registrations, and lawsuits. We will support legislators who pass laws to attract firearm manufacturers.

Protecting firearm manufacturers from unnecessary taxes and registrations will help Montana by attracting the firearm industry that will better Montana. The production of firearms is a two billion dollar industry. Firearms manufacturers in Montana will offer more jobs to Montanans, attract firearms buyers, and give a large boost to our economy. The firearm industry is also a clean industry so as to not contaminate our beautiful skies. Montana has been home to small firearm manufacturers for many years, so we know the industry is a good fit for us.

Changing the law will get firearm manufacturers' attention. In 2007, Idaho passed a similar law that protects gun makers from special taxation and registration and limits lawsuits against firearm and ammunition manufacturers. Shortly after the law was passed, Idaho sent hundreds of information packets to the firearm manufacturers and held one of the largest firearm shows in the country. A few weeks after that, eight firearm manufacturers responded that they were interested in expanding or relocating to Idaho.

Jan Rogers, director of the southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, said. "We learned that there is a lot more to this than the manufacturers themselves. There are also a lot of smaller businesses that make things like holsters and gun sights, which would do well in our smaller communities."

As explained in the above paragraphs, attracting the firearms industry to Montana is an excellent idea because it will provide more jobs and boost the economy. Now, it is our duty as citizens of Montana to ask for changes in the laws that benefit these manufactures so as to better our state.

I will support a legislation that passes laws to attract firearms manufacturers to the great state of Montana so that our state will become even greater.

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